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Ms. Christa Dean
Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA)
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: DEQ0608260044; STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 18X); The
Kansas City Southern Railway Company - Abandonment Exemption-
Line in Winn Parish
Proposed Abandonment of 3.16 Miles of Railroad Track

Dear Ms. Dean:

The Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Assessment and Office of Environmental Services has received your request for comments on the above referenced project.

There were no objections based on the limited information submitted to us. However, the following comments have been included and/or attached. Should you encounter a problem during the implementation of this project, please make the appropriate notification to this Department.

The Office of Environmental Services recommends that you investigate the following requirements that may influence your proposed project:

1. If your project results in a discharge to waters of the state, submittal of a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System application may be necessary.
2. LDEQ has stormwater general permits for construction areas equal to or greater than one acre. It is recommended that you contact Yvonne Baker at (225) 219-3111 to determine if your proposed improvements require one of these permits.
3. All precautions should be observed to control nonpoint source pollution from construction activities.
4. If any of the proposed work is located in wetlands or other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you should contact the Corps to inquire about the possible necessity for permits. If a Corps permit is required, part of the application process may involve a Water Quality Certification from LDEQ.



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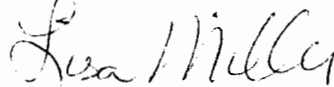
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5. All precautions should be observed to protect the groundwater of the region (SEE ATTACHMENT).

Currently, Winn Parish is classified as an attainment parish with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for all criteria air pollutants.

Please forward all future requests to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Management and Finance, Contracts & Grants, P. O. Box 4303, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4303, and we will expedite your request as quickly as possible. Should you need any additional information please call me at (225) 219-3815.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa L. Miller".

Lisa L. Miller
Contracts & Grants

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Enclosure

c: William A. Mullins